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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**  
11 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

12 **JULIE DEGAYO,**

**Civil Action No. 05-0018**

13 **Plaintiff,**

14 **v.**

**APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT; AND  
STIPULATION AND ORDER OF  
DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

15 **COMMONWEALTH PORTS**  
16 **AUTHORITY, DFS SAIPAN, Ltd.**  
17 **AND AKINO AFIN,**

18 **Defendants.**

19 **STIPULATION**

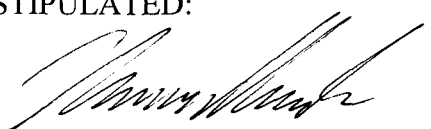
20 Plaintiff Julie Degayo and Defendants DFS Saipan, Ltd. and Akino Afin  
21 (“Defendants”) have resolved this case through settlement, subject to the Court finding that  
22 the settlement is entered into in good faith under the applicable law. The confidential  
23 Release and Settlement Agreement is submitted to the Court *in camera* for its review and  
24 approval.

25 Subject to the settlement being approved by this Court as the good faith resolution  
26 of the case between Plaintiff and Defendants, the parties hereby stipulate to the dismissal of  
this case with prejudice, with each party to bear its own fees and costs, and with the Court


1 to retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement

2 reached between the parties.

3 SO STIPULATED:

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6 George L. Hasselback  
7 Counsel for Plaintiff Julie Degayo

Date: 2/13/06

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10 Thomas E. Clifford  
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12 And Akino Afin

Date: 2/10/06

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing stipulation, the pleadings and other papers on file in this case, the matters adduced at the chambers conferences in this case, the review of the Release and Settlement Agreement submitted *in camera* and the applicable law, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

The Release and Settlement Agreement is a good faith settlement of the dispute in this case between Plaintiff Julie Degayo and Defendants DFS Saipan, Ltd. and Akino Afin. The Court therefore approves the settlement as "good faith" pursuant to 7 CMC § 4305.

This lawsuit is hereby dismissed with prejudice. Each party shall bear its own fees and costs. The Court retains jurisdiction in this case to enforce the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement reached between the parties.

DATED this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of February, 2006.

  
ALEX R. MUNSON  
Judge

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